



## MINUTES

### TOWN OF MIAMI

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION AND ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026, AT 10:00 AM

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION:**

Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Evelyn Vargas gave the invocation.

**3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** Rustin Shinn, Gary Wilson, Philo Carter, Celia Kenyon, Carole McManus (telephonically), and Evelyn Vargas.

**EXCUSED:** Tim Elinski.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Town Clerk Karen Norris.

Mrs. Lisa Allison introduced herself and explained she is a social worker and licensed mental health therapist and has a private practice in the area. She is exploring starting a non-profit service in the Town of Miami.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 17, 2026.

Gary Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting. Motion seconded by Philo Carter. Vote – all in favor.

**5. BUSINESS:**

1. Report and updates from the blight and abatement group.

Chairman Shinn reported that the Blight and Abatement Committee met immediately prior to the Council meeting. The Committee discussed ways to educate and engage the public, including mailings, social mixers, town hall-style meetings, and social media. The Committee also discussed the future of housing in Miami and the impact housing has on the community. The Committee discussed opportunities and incentives for improving blighted, abandoned, and vacant houses and lots. Discussion emphasized the importance of community engagement and gaining community “buy-in.” The Committee also discussed potential partnerships with

investors, bankers, mortgage firms, and trade schools. The Committee will continue these discussions and develop additional details for consideration at its next meeting.

2. Reports and updates from the annexation and expansion group.

Discussion regarding the possibility of conducting a feasibility study to explore annexation. Brief discussion was held regarding recommending a consultant to assist and guide the Town through the process if Council decides to move forward with annexation. Council discussed the many factors that need to be considered before proceeding with the annexation process, including the amenities and services the Town is able to provide, such as utilities and police services. Open discussion and comments regarding potential annexation followed.

3. Discussion regarding the Strategic Plan.

No discussion regarding the Strategic Plan.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Council to fill vacancies.

There are no recommendations for appointment to the Committee at this time. If someone is interested in being appointed to the Committee, Chairman Shinn will provide that information to the Town Clerk to put on the Town Council agenda for appointment.

5. Discussion and planning future agenda items.

The next meeting is September 16th at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will remain the same.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Philo Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Celia Kenyon. Vote – all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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Rustin Shinn, Chairman

GARY WILSON